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1. The Berlin Akkumulatorenwerke, located in Hohenschönhausen and with its main office in Binzstrasse, Berlin-Pankow, produce individual cells for large batteries. Since June 1946, they have been working exclusively for the Russians.
2. On 23 and 24 August 1947, three Russian civilians, accompanied by a Baltic interpreter, visited the plant and ordered its technical directorate to make the following changes in production:
 - a. From 1 October, the works are to produce 15,000 individual cells of a new type per month. These will be larger than the former type, have a different switch arrangement, and have a housing of a new, very light synthetic.
 - b. The new type of housing is to be delivered to the works. Since special types of drills which would not injure the synthetic are required, these also are to be delivered. Although scheduled for the end of August, they had not yet arrived by 1 September 1947.

3. [redacted] two of the Russian "civilians" were naval officers and the third an engineer who have been traveling in Berlin, the Russian Zone, and, reportedly, the three western zones, searching for German patents on submarine construction. They succeeded in August 1947 in getting hold of [redacted] "a German process by which the chrome nickel steel Druckkörper of a submarine can be welded autogenously."

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